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1. EYROLLES, PRESIDENT OF TOURING CLUB DE FRANCE, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF FRENCH HOTEL CHAIN HAVING INTERESTS IN GUADELOUPE, ACCCOMPANIED BY COL. TUDER, PARIS LAWYER WHO REPRESENTS POINT-A-PITRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MET WITH RCAA EARLIER THIS WEEK ON PROBLEM OF SUSPENSION PANAM SERVICE TO FRENCH WEST INDIES AND CAB REJECTION OF AMERICAN AIRLINES (AA) APPLICATION OPERATE ROUTE IN PLACE OF PANAM. THEY HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION EARLIER WITH ABRAHAM, DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT AT SGAC, AND THEY INFORMED US SECSTATE OF TRANSPORTATION CAVAILLE PROPOSED RAISE QUESTION WHEN ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. (ABRAHAM HAS SINCE CONFIRMED TO US IT IS "NOT UNLIKELY" CAVAILLE WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT.)

2. EYROLLES AND TUDER REFERRED TO CURRENT AND PLANNED EXPANSION OF HOTEL FACILITIES ESPECIALLY ON GUADELOUPE AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM TO ISLANDS' SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WELLBEING. TOURISM--AND HOTELS' OCCUPANCY RATE--WERE IMPERILED BY SUSPENSION DIRECT
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AIR SERVICE FROM US NORTHEAST. THEY HOPED EMBASSY

COULD LEND SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF AIR LINKS BY US CARRIERS. IN REPLY WE QUESTIONED WHETHER DROP IN NUMBER OF US TOURISTS WAS DUE SO MUCH TO ABSENCE DIRECT AIR SERVICE AS IT WAS TO DEPRESSED STATE OF TRAVEL MARKET IN GENERAL. PANAM HAD CHOSEN SUSPEND SERVICE BECAUSE TRAFFIC WAS LIGHT AND WE ASSUMED THAT FOR SAME REASON CAB HAD REFUSED LET AA TAKE OVER THE ROUTE. WE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER AA WAS ABLE OR WAS DISPOSED TO APPEAL CAB'S DECISION AND WE SUGGESTED THAT THEY EXPLORE QUESTION FURTHER WITH AA. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT CONSIDER STEPPING UP PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS IN US MARKET ADVERTISING FRENCH WEST INDIES RESORTS, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH US CARRIERS, ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT THIS MIGHT PRODUCE RESULTS AFFECTING TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS ON WHICH CARRIERS AND CAB WOULD JUDGE REVENUE POTENTIAL OF THE AIR ROUTE AND WHETHER RENEWED SERVICE WOULD BE FINANCIALLY SOUND. WE ADDED THAT WHILE WE WOULD REPORT THEIR VIEWS AND ALSO SIGNAL TO WASHINGTON CAVAILLE'S INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION, FINAL DECISION RESTED, OF COURSE, FIRST WITH CARRIERS AND THEN WITH CAB.

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